


Memo



To: Mayor and Council
From: Shirley A. Freeman 
Date: February 2, 2010
Subject: General Obligation Bonds – First Reading

Town of Bluffton
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Recommendation: That Town Council approves the attached ordinance for the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010, or such other appropriate series on first reading.

Background: This ordinance allows for a General Obligation or combination of Build American Bonds not to exceed \$6.5 million for the construction of the new Law Enforcement Center. This is the first step in the bond process. Staff will work with Bond Attorney and Financial Advisor to provide the details of the proposed bond issue prior to second and final reading.

Our Bond Attorney, Frannie Heizer, will be available during this first reading to assist with questions or concerns.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$6,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2010, OR SUCH OTHER APPROPRIATE SERIES DESIGNATION, OF THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA; FIXING THE FORM AND CERTAIN DETAILS OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE BONDS TO BE ISSUED AS TRADITIONAL TAX-EXEMPT BONDS OR TAXABLE BUILD AMERICA BONDS OR A COMBINATION THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER OR HIS LAWFULLY AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS AND THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Findings and Determinations. The Town Council (the "Council") of the Town of Bluffton, South Carolina (the "Town"), hereby finds and determines:

(a) The Town is an incorporated municipality located in Beaufort County, South Carolina, and as such possesses all powers granted to municipalities by the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina (the "State").

(b) Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, 1895, as amended (the "Constitution"), provides that general obligation debt may be incurred by the governing body of each municipality of the State for any public and corporate purpose in an amount not exceeding eight (8%) percent of the assessed value of all taxable property of such municipality and upon such terms and conditions as the General Assembly may prescribe. Such Article further provides that if general obligation debt is authorized by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the municipality voting in a referendum authorized by law, there shall be no conditions or restrictions limiting the incurring of such indebtedness except as specified in such Article.

(c) Title 5, Chapter 21, Article 5, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the "Municipal Bond Act"), provides that the municipal council of any municipality may issue general obligation bonds of such municipality for any corporate purpose of such municipality to any amount not exceeding the constitutional debt limitation applicable to such municipality.

(d) The Municipal Bond Act provides that as a condition precedent to the issuance of bonds an election be held and the result be favorable thereto. Title 11, Chapter 27, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, provides that if an election be prescribed by the provisions of the Municipal Bond Act, but not be required by the provisions of Article X of the Constitution, then in every such instance, no election need be held (notwithstanding the requirement therefor) and the remaining provisions of the Municipal Bond Act shall constitute a full and complete authorization to issue bonds in accordance with such remaining provisions.

(e) The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the "ARRA"), Pub.L. 111-5, Feb. 17, 2009, 123 Stat. 115, amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), to provide for the issuance of Build America Bonds ("BABs") if (a) the interest on such obligation would otherwise be excludable from gross income under Section 103 of the Code; (b) such obligation is issued

before January 1, 2011; and (c) the issuer makes an irrevocable election to have Section 54AA of the Code apply to the obligation. BABs are taxable obligations which provide a tax credit in the amount of 35% of the interest payable by the issuer, either as an annual credit to the respective bondholders under Section 54AA(a) of the Code, or, if the bond is qualified under Section 54AA(g) of the Code, and the issuer so elects, as an annual direct payment to the issuer under Section 6431 of the Code.

(f) The assessed value of all taxable property in the Town for purposes of computation of the Town's constitutional debt limit as of June 30, 2009, is \$122,628,181. Eight percent (8%) of such sum is \$9,810,254. As of the date hereof, the Town has \$40,000 outstanding bonded and general obligation indebtedness subject to the constitutional debt limitation. Thus, the Town may incur \$9,770,254 of general obligation debt within its applicable constitutional debt limitation.

(g) It is now in the best interest of the Town for the Town Council to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$6,500,000 aggregate principal amount general obligation bonds of the Town to provide funds for: (i) designing, constructing and equipping a law enforcement center and all costs associated therewith; (ii) paying costs of issuance of the bonds; and (iii) such other corporate purpose as Town Council may determine.

SECTION 2. Authorization and Details of the Bonds. Pursuant to the aforesaid provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina and the successful results of the Referendum, there is hereby authorized to be issued not exceeding \$6,500,000 general obligation bonds of the Town (the "Bonds") for the purposes listed in Section 1(g) above.

The Bonds shall be issued as fully-registered Bonds; shall be dated the date of their delivery; shall be in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof not exceeding the principal amount of the Bonds maturing in each year; shall be numbered from R-1 upward; shall bear interest at such times as hereafter designated by the Town Manager or his lawfully authorized designee at such rate or rates as may be determined at the time of the sale thereof; and shall mature serially in successive annual installments as determined by the Town Manager or his lawfully authorized designee.

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. shall serve as Registrar/Paying Agent for the Bonds.

SECTION 3. Delegation of Authority to Determine Certain Matters Relating to the Bonds. The Town Council hereby delegates to the Town Manager or his lawfully-authorized designee the authority to determine the part amount of each series of Bonds and whether the Bonds shall be issued as traditional tax-exempt bonds or shall be issued as BABs.

In connection with the issuance of traditional tax-exempt bonds, the Council hereby delegates to the Town Manager or his lawfully-authorized designee the authority to determine: (a) the maturity dates of the Bonds and the respective principal amounts maturing on such dates; (b) the interest payment dates of the Bonds; (c) redemption provisions, if any, for the Bonds; (d) the date and time of sale of the Bonds including whether or not the Bonds will be sold on the same date as one or two series or on separate dates as separate series; (e) the authority to receive bids on behalf of the Council; and (f) the authority to award the sale of the Bonds to the lowest bidder therefor in accordance with the terms of the Notice of Sale for the Bonds, provided the true interest cost of the Bonds does not exceed seven percent (7.00%) per annum.

In connection with the issuance of BABs, the Council hereby delegates to the Town Manager or his lawfully-authorized designee the authority to determine: (a) the maturity dates of the Bonds and the respective principal amounts maturing on such dates; (b) the interest payment dates of the Bonds; (c)

redemption provisions, if any, for the Bonds; (d) the date and time of sale of the Bonds, including whether or not the Bonds will be sold on the same date as one or two series or on separate dates as separate series; (e) the authority to receive bids on behalf of the Council; (f) the authority to award the sale of the Bonds to the lowest bidder therefor in accordance with the terms of the Notice of Sale for the Bonds, provided it reflects the lowest cost of borrowing to the Town; (g) whether the tax credit shall be provided as a credit to the bondholders or as a direct payment to the Town, and (h) to make an irrevocable election to have Section 54AA of the Code apply to the Bonds, such that all or a portion of the Bonds be issued as BABs.

After the sale of the Bonds, the Town Manager shall submit a written report to the Council setting forth the results of the sale of the Bonds.

SECTION 4. Registration, Transfer and Exchange of Bonds. The Town shall cause books (herein referred to as the “registry books”) to be kept at the offices of the Registrar/Paying Agent, for the registration and transfer of the Bonds. Upon presentation at its office for such purpose the Registrar/Paying Agent shall register or transfer, or cause to be registered or transferred, on such registry books, the Bonds under such reasonable regulations as the Registrar/Paying Agent may prescribe.

Each Bond shall be transferable only upon the registry books of the Town, which shall be kept for such purpose at the principal office of the Registrar/Paying Agent, by the registered owner thereof in person or by his duly authorized attorney upon surrender thereof together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar/Paying Agent duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorized attorney. Upon the transfer of any such Bond the Registrar/Paying Agent on behalf of the Town shall issue in the name of the transferee a new fully-registered Bond or Bonds, of the same aggregate principal amount, interest rate and maturity as the surrendered Bond. Any Bond surrendered in exchange for a new registered Bond pursuant to this Section shall be canceled by the Registrar/Paying Agent.

The Town and the Registrar/Paying Agent may deem or treat the person in whose name any fully-registered Bond shall be registered upon the registry books as the absolute owner of such Bond, whether such Bond shall be overdue or not, for the purpose of receiving payment of the principal of and interest on such Bond and for all other purposes and all such payments so made to any such registered owner or upon his order shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Bond to the extent of the sum or sums so paid, and neither the Town nor the Registrar/Paying Agent shall be affected by any notice to the contrary. In all cases in which the privilege of transferring Bonds is exercised, the Town shall execute and the Registrar/Paying Agent shall authenticate and deliver Bonds in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance. Neither the Town nor the Registrar/Paying Agent shall be obliged to make any such transfer of Bonds during the fifteenth (15th) day of the calendar month preceding an interest payment date on such Bonds.

SECTION 5. Record Date. The Town establishes a record date for the payment of interest or for the giving of notice of any proposed redemption of Bonds, and such record date shall be the fifteenth (15th) day (whether or not a business day) preceding an interest payment date on such Bond or, in the case of any proposed redemption of Bonds, such record date shall be the fifteenth (15th) day (whether or not a business day) prior to the mailing of notice of redemption of Bonds.

SECTION 6. Mutilation, Loss, Theft or Destruction of Bonds. In case any Bond shall at any time become mutilated in whole or in part, or be lost, stolen or destroyed, or be so defaced as to impair the value thereof to the owner, the Town shall execute and the Registrar shall authenticate and deliver at the principal office of the Registrar, or send by registered mail to the owner thereof at his request, risk and expense a new Bond of the same series, interest rate and maturity and of like tenor and effect in exchange or substitution

for and upon the surrender for cancellation of such defaced, mutilated or partly destroyed Bond, or in lieu of or in substitution for such lost, stolen or destroyed Bond. In any such event the applicant for the issuance of a substitute Bond shall furnish the Town and the Registrar evidence or proof satisfactory to the Town and the Registrar of the loss, destruction, mutilation, defacement or theft of the original Bond, and of the ownership thereof, and also such security and indemnity as may be required by the laws of the State or such greater amount as may be required by the Town and the Registrar. Any duplicate Bond issued under the provisions of this Section in exchange and substitution for any defaced, mutilated or partly destroyed Bond or in substitution for any allegedly lost, stolen or wholly destroyed Bond shall be entitled to the identical benefits under this Ordinance as was the original Bond in lieu of which such duplicate Bond is issued, and shall be entitled to equal and proportionate benefits with all the other Bonds of the same series issued hereunder.

All expenses necessary for the providing of any duplicate Bond shall be borne by the applicant therefor.

SECTION 7. Form of Bonds. The Bonds shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference. For any Bonds issued as BABs, appropriate changes will be made in the form of the bonds attached hereto as Exhibit A.

SECTION 8. Execution of Bonds. The Bonds shall be executed in the name of the Town with the manual or facsimile signature of the Mayor of the Town attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Clerk of the Town under a seal of the Town which shall be impressed, imprinted or reproduced thereon. The Bonds shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose unless there shall have been endorsed thereon a certificate of authentication. Each Bond shall bear a certificate of authentication manually executed by the Registrar/Paying Agent in substantially the form set forth herein.

SECTION 9. Security for the Bonds. The full faith, credit, taxing power and resources of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal and interest of the Bonds as they respectively mature and for the creation of such sinking fund as may be necessary to provide for the prompt payment thereof. The Town at its option may also utilize any other funds available therefor for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds.

For the payment of the principal and interest of the Bonds as they respectively mature and for the creation of such sinking fund as may be necessary to provide for the prompt payment thereof, the full faith, credit, taxing power and resources of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged, and there shall be levied and collected annually upon all taxable property of the Town an ad valorem tax, without limitation as to rate or amount, sufficient for such purposes.

To the extent allowed by law, the Town may consider the amounts available as an annual direct payment to the Town under Section 6431 (or other relevant section) of the Code when levying and collecting the taxes provide for herein, for any Bonds issued as BABs.

SECTION 10. Defeasance. The obligations of the Town herein made or provided for, shall be fully discharged and satisfied as to any portion of the Bonds, and such Bond or Bonds shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding hereunder when:

(a) such Bond or Bonds shall have been purchased by the Town and surrendered to the Town for cancellation or otherwise surrendered to the Town or the Paying Agent and is canceled or subject to cancellation by the Town or the Paying Agent; or

(b) payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds either (i) shall have been made or caused to be made in accordance with the terms thereof, or (ii) shall have been provided for by irrevocably depositing with the Paying Agent in trust and irrevocably set aside exclusively for such payment (1) moneys sufficient to make such payment or (2) Government Obligations (hereinafter defined) maturing as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times as will ensure the availability of sufficient moneys to make such payment and all necessary and proper fees, compensation and expenses of the corporate trustee. At such time as the Bonds shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding hereunder, such Bonds shall cease to draw interest from the due date thereof and, except for the purposes of any such payment from such moneys or Government Obligations, shall no longer be secured by or entitled to the benefits of this Ordinance.

“Government Obligations” shall mean any of the following:

(a) direct obligations of the United States of America or agencies thereof or obligations, the payment of principal or interest on which, in the opinion of the Attorney General of the United States, is fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America;

(b) non-callable, U. S. Treasury Securities - State and Local Government Series (“SLGS”); and

(c) general obligation bonds of the State, its institutions, agencies, school districts and political subdivisions.

SECTION 11. Exemption from State Taxes. Both the principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be exempt, in accordance with the provisions of Section 12-2-50 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, from all State, county, municipal, town and all other taxes or assessments, except estate or other transfer taxes, direct or indirect, general or special, whether imposed for the purpose of general revenue or otherwise.

SECTION 12. Eligible Securities. The Bonds initially issued (the “Initial Bonds”) will be eligible securities for the purposes of the book-entry system of transfer maintained by The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”), and transfers of beneficial ownership of the Initial Bonds shall be made only through DTC and its participants in accordance with rules specified by DTC. Such beneficial ownership must be of \$5,000 principal amount of bonds of the same maturity or any integral multiple of \$5,000.

The Initial Bonds shall be issued in fully-registered form, one Bond for each of the maturities of the Bonds, in the name of Cede & Co., as the nominee of DTC. When any principal of or interest on the Initial Bonds becomes due, the Paying Agent, on behalf of the Town, shall transmit to DTC an amount equal to such installment of principal and interest. DTC shall remit such payments to the beneficial owners of the Bonds or their nominees in accordance with its rules and regulations.

Notices of redemption of the Initial Bonds or any portion thereof shall be sent to DTC in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance.

If (a) DTC determines not to continue to act as securities depository for the Bonds, or (b) the Town has advised DTC of its determination that DTC is incapable of discharging its duties, the Town shall attempt to retain another qualified securities depository to replace DTC. Upon receipt by the Town of the Initial Bonds together with an assignment duly executed by DTC, the Town shall execute and deliver to the

successor securities depository bonds of the same principal amount, interest rate and maturity registered in the name of such successor.

If the Town is unable to retain a qualified successor to DTC or the Town has determined that it is in its best interest not to continue the book-entry system of transfer or that interests of the beneficial owners of the Bonds might be adversely affected if the book-entry system of transfer is continued (the Town undertakes no obligation to make any investigation to determine the occurrence of any events that would permit it to make any such determination), and has made provision to so notify beneficial owners of the Bonds by mailing an appropriate notice to DTC, upon receipt by the Town of the Initial Bonds together with an assignment duly executed by DTC, the Town shall execute, authenticate and deliver to the DTC participants bonds in fully-registered form in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, at the request of the purchaser, the Bonds can be issued as one single fully-registered bond and not issued through the book-entry system.

SECTION 13. Sale of Bonds, Form of Notice of Sale. The Bonds shall be sold at public sale. A Notice of Sale shall be distributed to prospective bidders and a summary of such Notice shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the State or in a financial publication published in the City of New York, State of New York, or both, not less than seven (7) days prior to the date set for such sale in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference. For any other Bonds to be offered as BABS, appropriate modifications shall be made in the Notice of Sale.

SECTION 14. Preliminary and Final Official Statement. The Council hereby authorizes and directs the Town Manager or his lawfully authorized designee to prepare, or cause to be prepared, a Preliminary Official Statement to be distributed to prospective purchasers of the Bonds together with the Notice of Sale. The Council authorizes the Town Manager or his lawfully authorized designee to designate the Preliminary Official Statement as "near final" for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities Exchange Commission. The Town Manager or his lawfully authorized designee is further authorized to see to the completion of the final form of the Official Statement upon the sale of the Bonds so that it may be provided to the purchasers of the Bonds.

SECTION 15. Filings with Central Repository. In compliance with Section 11-1-85, South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended, the Town covenants that it will file or cause to be filed with a central repository for availability in the secondary bond market when requested: (a) a copy of an annual independent audit of the Town within thirty (30) days of the Town's receipt thereof; and (b) within thirty (30) days of the occurrence thereof, event specific information of an event which adversely affects more than five (5%) percent of the tax revenues of the Town or the Town's tax base.

SECTION 16. Continuing Disclosure. In compliance with the Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule") the Town covenants and agrees for the benefit of the holders from time to time of the Bonds to execute and deliver prior to closing, and to thereafter comply with the terms of a Continuing Disclosure Certificate in substantially the form attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit C. In the event of a failure of the Town to comply with any of the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, an event of default under this Ordinance shall not be deemed to have occurred. In such event, the sole remedy of any bondholder or beneficial owner shall be an action to compel performance by the Town.

SECTION 17. Deposit and Use of Proceeds. The proceeds derived from the sale of the Bonds shall be deposited in a special fund to the credit of the Town, separate and distinct from all other funds, shall be

applied solely to the purposes for which the Bonds have been issued, including payment of costs of issuance of the Bonds.

SECTION 18. Tax Covenants. The Town hereby covenants and agrees with the holders of the Bonds that it will not take any action which will, or fail to take any action which failure will, cause interest on the Bonds to become includable in the gross income of the holders of the Bonds for federal income tax purposes pursuant to the provisions of the Code and regulations promulgated thereunder in effect on the date of original issuance of the Bonds; provided, however, that for purposes of this covenant only, the Town shall not be in violation of this covenant solely because it makes the irrevocable election under Section 54AA(d) or (g) (as applicable) of the Code with respect to Bonds to be issued as BABs. The Town further covenants and agrees with the holders of the Bonds that no use of the proceeds of the Bonds shall be made which, if such use had been reasonably expected on the date of issue of the Bonds would have caused the Bonds to be "arbitrage bonds," as defined in Section 148 of the Code, and to that end the Town hereby shall:

- (a) comply with the applicable provisions of Sections 54AA, 103 and 141 through 150 of the Code and any regulations promulgated thereunder so long as the Bonds are outstanding;
- (b) establish such funds, make such calculations and pay such amounts, in the manner and at the times required in order to comply with the requirements of the Code relating to required rebates of certain amounts to the United States; and
- (c) make such reports of such information at the time and places required by the Code.

SECTION 19. Authorization to Issue General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes; Delegation of Authority. Pursuant to Title 11, Chapter 17, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, pending the issuance of the Bonds, the Town Council hereby authorizes the issuance of general obligation bond anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$6,500,000.(the "Notes") for the purposes set forth in Section 1(f) herein and for costs of issuance of the Notes. In the event Notes are issued, for the payment of principal of and interest, if necessary, on the Notes as they respectfully mature, there is hereby pledged the proceeds of the Bonds and the full faith, credit and taxing power of the Town. The Town at its option may also utilize any other funds available therefor for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes. The Town Council hereby delegates to the Town Manager the authority to determine (a) the amount of the Notes; (b) the date, time and method of sale of the Notes (c) whether the Notes will be book-entry or issued as a single fully-registered Note; (d) the maturity date and redemption provisions of the Notes; (e) the Registrar/Paying Agent for the Notes; (f) the form of the Notes; (g) and such other details of the Notes as may be deemed advisable.

SECTION 20. Miscellaneous. The Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Clerk of the Town, the Town Manager, the Assistant Town Manager Finance/Adm any lawfully authorized designee to execute such documents and instruments as may be necessary to effect the issuance of the Bonds or make modifications in any documents including but not limited to the form of the Bond or Notice of Sale, if necessary. The Council hereby retains the law firm of McNair Law Firm, P.A. as bond counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

All rules, regulations, resolutions and parts thereof, procedural or otherwise, in conflict herewith or the proceedings authorizing the issuance of the Bonds are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its enactment.

SECTION 21. Severability. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 22. Codification. This Ordinance shall be forthwith codified in the Code of Town Ordinances in the manner required by law.

SECTION 23. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its enactment by the Council of the Town of Bluffton, South Carolina.

Be it Ordered and Ordained by the Town of Bluffton, South Carolina,, and it is ordained by the authority of the said Council.

TOWN OF BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: _____
Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

First Reading: _____
Second Reading: _____

FORM OF BOND

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON
 \$_____ GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND
 SERIES 2010

No. R-

<u>INTEREST</u> <u>RATE</u>	<u>MATURITY</u> <u>DATE</u>	<u>ORIGINAL</u> <u>ISSUE DATE</u>	<u>CUSIP</u>
%			

REGISTERED HOLDER:

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT:

DOLLARS

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the Town of Bluffton, South Carolina (the "Town"), is justly indebted and, for value received, hereby promises to pay to the registered holder named above, or registered assigns, the principal amount shown above on the maturity date shown above, upon presentation and surrender of this Bond at the principal office of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., in Atlanta, Georgia (the "Paying Agent"), and to pay interest on such principal sum from the date hereof at the interest rate per annum shown above until this Bond matures. Interest on this Bond is payable semiannually on _____ 1 and _____ 1 of each year commencing _____ 1, _____, until this Bond matures, and shall be payable by check or draft mailed to the person in whose name this Bond is registered on the registration books of the Town maintained by the registrar, presently Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., in Atlanta, Georgia (the "Registrar"), at the close of business on the fifteenth (15th) day of the calendar month next preceding each semiannual interest payment date. The principal and interest on this Bond are payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which is, at the time of payment, legal tender for public and private debts; provided, however, that interest on this fully-registered Bond shall be paid by check or draft as set forth above.

This Bond shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Ordinance of the Town authorizing the Bonds, nor become valid or obligatory for any purpose, until the Certificate of Authentication hereon shall have been duly executed by the Registrar.

For the payment of the principal and interest of this Bond as they respectively mature and for the creation of such sinking fund as may be necessary to provide for the prompt payment hereof, the full faith, credit, taxing power and resources of the Town are hereby irrevocably pledged, and there shall be levied and collected annually upon all taxable property of the Town an ad valorem tax, without limitation as to rate or amount, sufficient for such purposes.

The Bonds are being issued by means of a book-entry system with no physical distribution of bond certificates to be made except as provided in the Ordinance. One bond certificate with respect to each date on which the Bonds are stated to mature, registered in the name of the securities depository nominee, is being issued and required to be deposited with the securities depository and immobilized in its custody. The book-entry system will evidence positions held in the Bonds by the securities depository's participants, beneficial ownership of the Bonds in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any multiple thereof being evidenced in the records of such participants. Transfers of ownership shall be effected on the records of the securities depository and its participants pursuant to rules and procedures established by the securities depository and its participants. The Town and the Registrar/Paying Agent will recognize the securities depository nominee, while the registered owner of this bond, as the owner of this bond for all purposes, including payments of principal of and redemption premium, if any, and interest on this bond, notices and voting. Transfer of principal and interest payments to participants of the securities depository will be the responsibility of the securities depository, and transfer of principal, redemption premium, if any, and interest payments to beneficial owners of the Bonds by participants of the securities depository will be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of such beneficial owners. The Town will not be responsible or liable for such transfers of payments or for maintaining, supervision or reviewing the records maintained by the securities depository, the securities depository nominee, its participants or persons acting through such participants. While the securities depository nominee is the owner of this bond, notwithstanding, the provision hereinabove contained, payments of principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on this Bond shall be made in accordance with existing arrangements between the Registrar/Paying Agent or its successors under the Ordinance and the securities depository.

This Bond is one of a series of Bonds of like date of original issue, tenor and effect, except as to number, date of maturity, denomination, [redemption provisions] and rate of interest, aggregating _____ Dollars issued pursuant to and in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina, including Article X, Section 14 of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, 1895, as amended; Title 11, Chapter 27, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended; the favorable results of a referendum held in the Town on November 4, 2008; and Ordinance No. _____ duly enacted by the Council of the Town.

[Redemption Provisions]

This Bond is transferable as provided in the Ordinance, only upon the books of the Town kept for that purpose at the principal office of the Registrar by the registered holder in person or by his duly authorized attorney upon surrender of this Bond together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Registrar duly executed by the registered holder or his duly authorized attorney. Thereupon a new fully-registered Bond or Bonds of the same aggregate principal amount, interest rate, and maturity shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor as provided in the Ordinance. The Town, the Registrar and the Paying Agent may deem and treat the person in whose name this Bond is registered as the absolute owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of the principal hereof and interest due hereon and for all other purposes.

Under the laws of the State of South Carolina, this Bond and the interest hereon are exempt from all State, county, municipal, Town and other taxes or assessments, except estate or other transfer taxes, direct or indirect, general or special, whether imposed for the purpose of general revenue or otherwise.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina to exist, to happen and to be performed precedent to or in the issuance of this Bond exist, have happened and have been performed in regular and due time, form and manner as required by law; that the amount of this Bond, together with all other indebtedness of the Town does not exceed the applicable limitation of indebtedness under the laws of the State of South Carolina; and, that provision has been made for the levy and collection of a tax, without limit, on all taxable property in the Town sufficient to pay the principal and interest of this Bond as they respectively mature and to create such sinking fund as may be necessary therefor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE TOWN OF BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, has caused this Bond to be signed with the manual or facsimile signature of the Mayor of the Town, attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Clerk of the Town and the seal of the Town impressed, imprinted or reproduced hereon.

TOWN OF BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

(SEAL)

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk

[FORM OF REGISTRAR'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION]

Date of Authentication:

This Bond is one of the bonds described in the within mentioned Ordinance of the Town of Bluffton, South Carolina.

_____,
as Registrar

By: _____
Authorized Officer

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of this Bond, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations.

TEN COM - as tenants in common

UNIF GIFT MIN ACT -

TEN ENT - as tenants by the
entireties

_____ Custodian _____
(Cust) (Minor)

JT TEN - as joint tenants with
right of survivorship
and not as tenants in
common

under Uniform Gifts to
Minors Act _____
(state)

Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in above list.

(FORM OF ASSIGNMENT)

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned sells, assigns
and transfers unto _____

(Name and Address of Transferee)

_____ the within Bond and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint _____
_____ attorney to transfer the within Bond on the books kept
for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Signature Guaranteed

(Authorized Officer)

Notice: Signature(s) must be
guaranteed by an institution which is a
a participant in the
registered Securities Transfer Agents
Medallion Program ("STAMP")
or similar program.

Notice: The signature to
the assignment must correspond
with the name of the
holder as it appears upon the
face of the within Bond in every
particular, without alteration
or enlargement or any change
whatever.

A copy of the final approving legal opinion to be rendered shall accompany each Bond and preceding the same a certificate shall appear, which shall be signed on behalf of the Town with a manual or facsimile signature of the Clerk of the Town in the following form:

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the following is a true and correct copy of the final legal opinion (except for date and letterhead) of McNair Law Firm, P.A., Columbia, South Carolina, approving the issue of Bonds of which the within Bond is one, the original of which opinion was manually executed, dated and issued as of the date of delivery of and payment for the Bonds, and a copy of which is on file with the Town of Bluffton, South Carolina.

TOWN OF BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

By _____
Clerk

FORM OF NOTICE OF SALE

\$ _____ GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2010
TOWN OF BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Time and Place of Sale: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that proposals addressed to the undersigned will be received on behalf of the Town Council (the "Council") of the Town of Bluffton, South Carolina (the "Town"), in Council Chambers, _____ t, Bluffton, South Carolina, until 11:00 a.m., South Carolina time, on _____, 2010, at which time said proposals will be publicly opened for the purchase of _____ (\$ _____) General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010____ of the Town (the "Bonds").

Sealed Bids: Each hand delivered proposal shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "Proposal for \$ _____ General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010, Town of Bluffton, South Carolina" and should be directed to the Town Manager at the address in the first paragraph hereof.

Facsimile Bids: The Town will accept the facsimile transmission of a manually signed Official Bid Form at the risk of the Bidder. The Town shall not be responsible for the confidentiality of bids submitted by facsimile transmission. Any delay in receipt of a facsimile bid, and any incompleteness or illegible portions of such bid are the responsibility of the bidder. Bids by facsimile should be transmitted to the attention of Anthony Barrett, Town Manager, fax number (843) 706-_____.

Electronic Bids: Electronic proposals must be submitted through i-Deal's Parity Electronic Bid Submission System ("Parity"). No electronic bids from any other providers of electronic bidding services will be accepted. Information about the electronic bidding services of Parity may be obtained from i-Deal, 40 W. 23rd Street, 5th floor, New York, New York 10010, Customer Support, telephone (212) 404-8102.

PROPOSALS MAY BE DELIVERED BY HAND, BY MAIL, BY FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR BY ELECTRONIC BID, BUT NO PROPOSAL SHALL BE CONSIDERED WHICH IS NOT ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY THE TOWN AT THE PLACE, DATE AND TIME APPOINTED, AND THE TOWN SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY FAILURE, MISDIRECTION, DELAY OR ERROR RESULTING FROM THE SELECTION BY ANY BIDDER OF ANY PARTICULAR MEANS OF DELIVERY OF BIDS.

Book-Entry-Only Bonds: The Bonds will be issued in fully-registered form. One Bond representing each maturity will be issued to and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), as registered owner of the Bonds and each such Bond will be immobilized in the custody of DTC. DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Individual purchases will be made in book-entry-only form in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof not exceeding the principal amount of Bonds maturing each year; Purchasers will not receive physical delivery of certificates representing their interest in the Bonds purchased. The winning bidder, as a condition to delivery of the Bonds, will be required to deposit the Bond certificates representing each maturity with DTC. The Bonds will be dated _____ 1, 2010 and will mature serially in successive annual installments on _____ 1 in each of the years and in the principal amounts as follows:

_____ 1	Principal Amount*	_____ 1	Principal Amount*
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*Preliminary, subject to adjustment.

Adjustment of Maturity Schedule. If, after final computation of the proposals, the Town determines in its sole discretion that the funds necessary to accomplish the purposes for which the Bonds are being issued are either more or less than the proceeds of the sale of the amount of the Bonds as shown in this Notice of Sale, it reserves the right either to decrease or increase the principal amount of the Bonds (all calculations to be rounded to the near \$5,000), provided that any such decrease or increase shall not exceed 10% of the par amount. Such adjustment(s), if any, shall be made within twenty-four (24) hours of the award of the Bonds. In order to calculate the yield on the Bonds for federal tax law purposes and as a condition precedent to the award of the Bonds, bidders must disclose to the Town in connection with their respective bids the price (or yield to maturity) at which each maturity of the Bonds will be reoffered to the public.

In the event of any adjustment of the maturity schedule for the Bonds as described herein, no rebidding or recalculation of the proposals submitted will be required or permitted. Nevertheless, the award of the Bonds will be made to the bidder whose proposal produces the lowest true interest cost solely on the basis of the Bonds offered, without taking into account any adjustment in the amount of the Bonds pursuant to this paragraph.

The Bonds will bear interest from the date thereof payable semiannually on _____ 1 and _____ 1 of each year, commencing _____ 1, 20____.

[Redemption Provisions.]

Registrar/Paying Agent: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. will serve as Registrar/Paying Agent for the Bonds.

Bid Requirements: Bidders shall specify the rate or rates of interest per annum which the Bonds are to bear, to be expressed in multiples of 1/20 or 1/8 of 1% with no greater difference than two percent (2%) between the highest and lowest rates of interest named by a bidder. Bidders are not limited as to the number of rates of interest named, but the rate of interest on each separate maturity must be the same single rate for all Bonds of that maturity from their date to such maturity date. A bid for less than all the Bonds, a bid at a price less than par or a bid which includes a premium of more than 1% will not be considered. In addition to the bid price, the successful bidder must pay accrued interest from the date of the Bonds to the date of full payment of the purchase price.

Good Faith Deposit: A good faith deposit is not required.

Bid Form: It is requested but not required that you submit your bid on the Proposal for Purchase of Bonds supplied with the Official Statement.

Official Statement: Upon the award of the Bonds, the Town will prepare an official statement (the "Official Statement") in substantially the same form as the preliminary official statement subject to minor additions, deletions and revisions as required to complete the Official Statement. Within seven (7) business days after the award of the Bonds, the Town will deliver the Official Statement to the successful bidder in sufficient quantity to comply with Rule G-32 of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The successful bidder agrees to supply to the Town within 24 hours after the award of the Bonds all necessary pricing information and any Underwriter identification necessary to complete the Official Statement.

Security: The Bonds shall constitute binding general obligations of the Town, and the full faith, credit, resources and taxing power of the Town are irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds as they respectively mature and to create such sinking fund as may be necessary to provide for the prompt payment thereof. There shall be levied and collected annually upon all taxable property of the Town a tax, without limitation as to rate or amount, sufficient for such purposes.

Continuing Disclosure: In order to assist the bidders in complying with S.E.C. Rule 15c2-12(b)(5), the Town will undertake, pursuant to an ordinance and a Continuing Disclosure Certificate, to provide certain annual financial information and notices of the occurrence of certain events, if material. A description of this undertaking is set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement and will also be set forth in the final Official Statement.

Legal Opinion: The Town shall furnish upon delivery of the Bonds the final approving opinion of McNair Law Firm, P.A., Columbia, South Carolina, which opinion shall accompany each Bond, together with the usual closing documents, including a certificate that no litigation is pending affecting the Bonds.

Certificate as to Issue Price: The successful bidder must provide a certificate to the Town by the date of delivery of the Bonds, stating the initial reoffering price of the Bonds to the public (excluding bond houses and brokers) and the price at which a substantial amount of the Bonds were sold to the public, in form satisfactory to Bond Counsel. A sample copy of such a certificate may be obtained from Bond Counsel.

Delivery: The Bonds will be delivered on or about _____, 2010, in New York, New York, at the expense of the Town or at such other place as may be agreed upon with the purchaser at the expense of the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price then due (including the amount of accrued interest) must be paid in federal funds or other immediately available funds.

CUSIP Numbers: It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Bonds, but neither the failure to print such numbers on any Bond nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for failure or refusal by the purchaser thereof to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds in accordance with the terms of its proposal. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP identification numbers on the Bonds shall be paid for by the Town; provided, however, that the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of said numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the successful bidder.

Award of Bid. The Bonds will be awarded to the bidder or bidders offering to purchase the Bonds at the lowest true interest cost (TIC) to the Town. The TIC will be the nominal interest rate which, when

compounded semiannually and used to discount all debt service payments on the Bonds (computed at the interest rates specified in the bid and on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months) to the dated date of the Bonds, results in an amount equal to the price bid for the Bonds. In the case of a tie bid, the winning bid will be awarded by lot. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive irregularities in any bid. Bids will be accepted or rejected no later than 3:00 p.m., South Carolina time, on the date of the sale.

For the purpose of calculating the yield on the Bonds for federal tax purposes as a condition precedent to the award of the Bonds, the successful bidder will, within 30 minutes after being notified of its winning bid, advise the Town by telephone confirmed by facsimile transmission of the initial offering prices of the Bonds to the public (expressed as a price, exclusive of accrued interest, or yield per maturity).

Additional Information: Persons seeking information should communicate with Shirley Freeman, Assistant Town Manager Finance/Adm, the Town of Bluffton, 20 Bridge Street, Bluffton, South Carolina 29910, (843) 706-4584 or Francenia B. Heizer, Esquire, McNair Law Firm, P.A., Post Office Box 11390, Columbia, South Carolina, 29211 (803) 799-9800.

/s/Mayor, Town of Bluffton, South Carolina

FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

This Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the "Disclosure Certificate") is executed and delivered by the Town of Bluffton, South Carolina (the "Town") in connection with the issuance of \$_____ General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010 (the "Bonds"). The Bonds are being issued pursuant to an Ordinance adopted by the Town Council of the Town (the "Council"). The Town covenants and agrees as follows:

SECTION 1. Purpose of the Disclosure Certificate. This Disclosure Certificate is being executed and delivered by the Town for the benefit of the beneficial owners and in order to assist the Participating Underwriters (defined below) in complying with the Rule (defined below).

SECTION 2. Definitions. The following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

"Annual Report" shall mean any Annual Report provided by the Town pursuant to, and as described in, Sections 3 and 4 of this Disclosure Certificate.

"Bonds" shall mean the \$_____ General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010, of the Town of Bluffton, South Carolina, dated _____.

"Dissemination Agent" shall mean the Town or any successor Dissemination Agent designated in writing by the Town and which has filed with the Town a written acceptance of such designation.

"Listed Events" shall mean any of the events listed in Section 5(a) of this Disclosure Certificate.

"National Repository" shall mean for purposes of the Rule the Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA) system created by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

"Participating Underwriter" shall mean _____ and any other original underwriter of the Bonds required to comply with the Rule in connection with offering of the Bonds.

"Repository" shall mean each National Repository and each State Depository, if any.

"Rule" shall mean Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

"State Depository" shall mean any public or private repository or entity designated by the State of South Carolina as a state depository for the purpose of the Rule. As of the date of this Certificate, there is no State Depository.

SECTION 3. Provision of Annual Reports.

(a) The Town shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent to provide, not later than February 1 of each year, commencing in 2011 to each Repository an Annual Report which is consistent with the requirements of Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate. Not later than fifteen (15) business days prior to such date the Town shall provide the Annual Report to the Dissemination Agent, if other than the Town;

provided, that if the audited financial statements required pursuant to Section 4 hereof to be included in the Annual Report are not available for inclusion in the Annual Report as of such date, unaudited financial statements of the Town may be included in such Annual Report in lieu thereof, and the Town shall replace such unaudited financial statements with audited financial statements within fifteen (15) days after such audited financial statements become available for distribution. The Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may cross-reference other information as provided in Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate; provided that the audited financial statements of the Town may be submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Report.

(b) If the Town is unable to provide to the Repositories an Annual Report by the date required in subsection (a), the Town shall send a notice to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board and State Depository, if any, in substantially the form attached hereto as *Exhibit A*.

(c) The Dissemination Agent shall:

(1) determine each year prior to the date for providing the Annual Report the name and address of each National Repository and each State Depository, if any; and

(2) if the Dissemination Agent is other than the Town, file a report with the Town and (if the Dissemination Agent is not the Registrar) the Registrar certifying whether the Annual Report has been provided pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate, and, if provided, stating the date it was provided, and listing all the Repositories to which it was provided.

SECTION 4. Content of Annual Reports. The Town's Annual Report shall contain or incorporate by reference the most recent audited financial statements, which shall be prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (or, if not in such conformity, to be accompanied by a qualitative discussion of the differences in the accounting principles and the impact of the change in the accounting principles on the presentation of the financial information) applicable to governmental entities such as the Town, and shall, in addition, contain or incorporate by reference the following:

- (a) Town population for the current fiscal year;
- (b) Total anticipated state appropriations subject to withholding under Article X, Sec. 14, South Carolina Constitution for current fiscal year;
- (c) Outstanding indebtedness of the Town;
- (d) Market value/assessment summary of taxable property in Town;
- (e) Tax levy for Town for current fiscal year;
- (f) Tax collections for Town for preceding fiscal year; and
- (g) Five largest taxpayers (including fee-in-lieu-of-tax) for Town for preceding fiscal year.

Any or all of the items listed above may be incorporated by reference from other documents, including official statements of debt issues with respect to which the Town is an "obligated person" (as defined by the Rule), which have been filed with each of the Repositories or the Securities and Exchange Commission. If the document incorporated by reference is a final official statement, it must be available from the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The Town shall clearly identify each such other document so incorporated by reference.

SECTION 5. Reporting of Significant Events.

(a) This Section 5 shall govern the giving of notices of the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) non-payment related defaults;
- (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (6) adverse tax opinions or events affecting the tax-exempt status of the security;
- (7) modifications to rights of security holders;
- (8) bond calls;
- (9) defeasances;
- (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the securities; and
- (11) rating changes.

(b) Whenever the Town obtains knowledge of the occurrence of a Listed Event, because of a notice from the Dissemination Agent pursuant to subsection (b) or otherwise, the Town shall as soon as possible determine if such event would constitute material information for holders of Bonds, provided, that any event under subsection (a)(2) will always be deemed to be material.

(c) If the Town has determined that knowledge of the occurrence of a Listed Event would be material the Town shall promptly file a notice of such occurrence with the Trustee, the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board and each State Depository. Notwithstanding the foregoing, notice of Listed Events described in subsections (a) 8 and 9 above need not be given under this subsection any earlier than the notice (if any) of the underlying event is given to owners of affected Bonds.

SECTION 6. Termination of Reporting Obligation. The Town's obligations under this Disclosure Certificate shall terminate upon the defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds.

SECTION 7. Dissemination Agent. The Town may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate, and may discharge any such Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent. The initial Dissemination Agent shall be the Town.

SECTION 8. Amendment; Waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the Town may amend this Disclosure Certificate and any provision of this Disclosure Certificate may be waived, if such amendment or waiver is supported by an opinion of counsel expert in federal securities laws acceptable to the Town, to the effect that such amendment or waiver would not, in and of itself, cause the undertakings herein to violate the Rule if such amendment or waiver had been effective on the date hereof but taking into account any subsequent change in or official interpretation of the Rule.

SECTION 9. Additional Information. Nothing in this Disclosure Certificate shall be deemed to prevent the Town from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Disclosure Certificate or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by this Disclosure Certificate. If the Town chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of

occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is specifically required by this Disclosure Certificate, the Town shall have no obligation under this Certificate to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event.

SECTION 10. Default. In the event of a failure of the Town, or the Dissemination Agent to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Certificate, any beneficial owner may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking injunctive relief or specific performance by court order, to cause the Town, or the Dissemination Agent, as the case may be, to comply with its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate. A default under this Disclosure Certificate shall not be deemed an event of default under the Ordinance, and the sole remedy under this Disclosure Certificate in the event of any failure of the Town, or the Dissemination Agent to comply with this Disclosure Certificate shall be an action to compel performance.

SECTION 11. Duties, Immunities and Liabilities of the Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent shall have only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Disclosure Certificate, and the Town agrees to indemnify and save the Dissemination Agent, its officers, directors, employees and agents, harmless against any loss, expense and liabilities which they may incur arising out of or in the exercise or performance of their powers and duties hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) of defending against any claim of liability, but excluding liabilities due to the Dissemination Agent's negligence or willful misconduct. The obligations of the Town under this Section shall survive resignation or removal of the Dissemination Agent and payment of the Bonds.

SECTION 12. Beneficiaries. This Disclosure Certificate shall inure solely to the benefit of the Town, the Dissemination Agent, the Participating Underwriters, and Holders from time to time of the Bonds, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

SECTION 13. Counterparts. This Disclosure Certificate may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

TOWN OF BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: _____
Mayor

Dated: _____, 2010

NOTICE TO REPOSITORIES OF FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT

Name of Town: Town of Bluffton, South Carolina

Name of Bond Issue: \$_____ General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010,
Town of Bluffton, South Carolina

Date of Issuance: _____

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Bluffton, South Carolina (the "Town") has not provided an Annual Report with respect to the above-named Bonds as required by Sections 3 and 4 of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate executed and delivered by the Town as Dissemination Agent. The Town has notified us in writing that the Annual Report will be filed by _____.

Dated: _____

TOWN OF BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA